

REMARKS

In paragraphs 1-4 of the Action, restriction to one of the inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121, and the affirmation of the provisional election of claims 1-5 made by agent for applicant was required to be made.

In reply thereto, applicant hereby affirms the election of claims 1-5.

In paragraphs 5-6 of the Action, claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by the admitted prior art (APA) (Fig. 3).

In reply thereto, applicant has canceled claims 1-5 and added claims 8-17 to define applicant's invention more clearly over the prior art of record.

As clearly defined in claim 8-17, applicant's invention comprises at least one support member (claims 8 and 9) or the upper arm of the terminal (4) (claim 10) held in the housing (1) and having the bearing section (11) which can support the pressure member (15), wherein the upper edge of the bearing section is positioned higher than the inner surface of the upper wall (7) of the housing (1).

As shown in Fig. 1, the upper edge of the bearing section is positioned higher than the inner surface of the upper wall because the bearing section projects from the end portion of the upper wall in the right direction. Consequently, the thickness of the upper wall and the thickness of the bearing section are partly offset with each other, thus providing a low-profile connector.

Also, as clearly defined in claim 17, applicant's bearing section has a concave curve

With respect to the prior art, APA comprises a terminal (54) held in the housing (52) and having an upper

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arm (57) with a bearing section (59) which supports the pressure member (55).

However, APA does not disclose or suggest any bearing section of which upper edge is positioned higher than the inner surface of the upper wall of the housing.

In APA, since the whole part of the upper arm is provided under an upper wall (52A) of the housing (Fig. 3), the upper edge of the bearing section is lower than the inner surface of the upper wall. As a result, the thicknesses of the upper wall and bearing section are not offset with each other so that APA's connector has a height greater than applicant's connector.

Also, APA does not disclose or suggest any bearing section having a concave curve.

For these reasons it is submitted that applicant's invention recited in claims 8-17 is patentable over APA.

In paragraph 7 of the Action, the drawings were objected to because of lack of crosshatch for the insulative material.

In reply thereto, applicant hereby submits a proposed drawing correction, Fig. 3 and respectfully requests for approval thereof by the Examiner.

A check in the amount of \$316 is enclosed to cover two excessive dependent claims and the multiple dependent claims.

A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered, claims 8-17 allowed, and this case passed to issue.

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